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Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and request that it be considered by the Examiner. The reference was cited by the Patent Office in copending application Serial No. 09/819,185, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,689,071.

This Statement is being filed concurrently with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR §1.114; therefore Applicants believe that there is no fee due. Should the Commissioner find otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees due and to credit any overpayment set forth under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 04-1879, referencing Atty. Docket No. R0367-00302.

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